M. M. School Headmasters.

51. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of M. M. school headmasters in the State; and
(*b*) how many of them are Nadars?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) 153.
(*b*) One (Christian).

Kuzhithura Municipality.

52. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of municipal employees in the Kuzhithura Municipality (omitting the number of scavengers);
(*b*) the number of Nadars;
(*c*) the total number of Christians;
(*d*) the total number of Nadar converts;
(*e*) whether appointments are made by the Municipal President or by the Government;
(*f*) whether communal representation is observed in making appointments;
(*g*) whether acting appointments were made by the present President in 1116; and
(*h*) if the answer to (*g*) is in the affirmative, the names of those persons in service?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) There are 51 employees including sweepers and lamp lighters.
(*b*) Six.
(*c*) Ten.
(*d*) Eight.
(*e*) Appointments on the sanctioned establishment of the Municipality, the pay or maximum pay of which does not exceed Rs. 35 per mensem are made by the President.
(*f*) The principle of communal representation is not being observed. But, other things being equal, those belonging to inadequately represented communities are given due consideration in making initial appointments.
(*g*) Yes.
(*h*) 1. Mr. P. Kumaran Nair (Nair).
2. Mr. R. Thankiah (Hindu Nadar).
3. Mr. K. C. Subramonia Pillai (Vellala).
4. Mr. E. Daniel (S. I. U. C.)

Detention of one M. Nataraja Pillai.

53. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state:

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[Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.]

(*a*) whether one M. Nataraja Pillai of Tengamputtoor, in Agastisvaram taluk was recently arrested and detained under the Travancore Defence Rules ;

(*b*) if so, on what basis the Government took such action against that citizen;

(*c*) whether he had taken part in any of the movements conducted by the State Congress ;

(*d*) whether Mr. Nataraja Pillai has been residing in British parts only from 1932 onwards; and

(*e*) whether he is given any allowance for the maintenance of his wife and children ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In view of his antecedents in British India, he was detained on arrival in the State with a view to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public order under Rule 26 of the Defence of Travancore Rules.

(*c*) Not actively.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know why Mr. Nataraja Pillai was detained in Travancore when he has not committed any offence here ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Though he might not have committed any offence in Travancore he was found punishable in British India and therefore he was detained.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether Government are aware that he has not been tried in British India ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : They are very well aware that he was tried last and convicted to 6 months R. I, ; he was released in April 1941.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether he is still in custody ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, he is to-day.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether the British Government are going to release him ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : No.

MR. KANANNTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether his expenses are borne by the Government ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know why Government have not allowed any maintenance for his wife and children ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Why should they ? Here is a communist who has committed serious offence.

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MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether the member is aware that in cases of detention, the families are maintained by Government ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHDUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : But not in all cases. I may say for the information of the honourable member that when Nataraja Pillai came to Nagercoil for a short while, he arranged to hold an objectionable meeting on the very day when Jawaharlal Nehru was arrested.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : With regard to the answer about the expenditure being borne by our State, may I know why Mr. Nataraja Pillai who committed an offence in British India and detained here, should be maintained at the cost of this State ?

PRESIDENT : I would deprecate questions on this matter because there are conventions between this Government and the British Government by which in consideration of taking care of people belonging to this State who create trouble elsewhere, we also take care of people who create trouble in British India. In the long run that arrangement has been found to be satisfactory to both Governments. And at this time when subversive activities have to be guarded against, without a working arrangement of that kind, work could not be conducted. Just as in the case of our people who create trouble elsewhere are committed there, so also we have to commit people who create trouble elsewhere and come into our territory. We shall hope that in this matter we will get help and assistance from the British Government in the same way as we are helping them.

Additional Income Tax Collector.

54 ***MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP** (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any Income Tax Collector has been taken to the Land Revenue Commissioner's office before 1-11-1116 as additional Income Tax Collector ;

(*b*) what is his work in the office ;

(*c*) whether he has been given any allowance for office work ;

(*d*) if so, what is his pay and allowance ;

(*e*) is the work in office more than that in the Division Income Tax Collector's office ;

(*f*) whether any other Income Tax Collector is being given any allowance for his work ;

(*g*) the reason for such an allowance to the man in office ;

(*h*) what is his name ; and

(*i*) what is his post and where it is after the post of Land Revenue Commissioner is abolished ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Detection of leakages of revenue in the existing system of assessment and exploration of the untapped sources of income.

(*c*) He gets an allowance.

(*d*) Pay Rs. 175—allowance Rs. 30 per mensem.

(*e*) Yes

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